

Upper Room – Part 9

The World will Hate You

John 15:18-27

The Christian will find _____ and _____ from the world because of their union with Christ and each other. The repetition of the commandment to love one another (v. 17) is based on the fact that we will be hated by the world; we need each other! In this passage, Christ will further explain this hatred and the _____ found in the person of the Holy Spirit.

I. The World's Hatred of the Christian

1. The Christian is hated by the world because it does not belong to the _____.

“If the world _____ you, ye know that it _____ me before it _____ you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world _____ you.” John 15:18-19

*“The attack will now move from the Shepherd to the sheep, but remember we are in good company!
As we are in enemy territory, let us not expect the treatment of friends!”*

“the world” – There are three uses of the word “world” in Scripture:

1. The created world – John 1:10
2. Humanity – John 3:16
3. Society apart and opposed to God – John 15:18

“hate” – As the hatred grows it becomes more severe.

“his own” –

2. The Christian is hated by the world because they _____ with Christ who was hated first.

“Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have _____ me, they will also _____ you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.” John 15:20

“Remember the word” –

“if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.” –

3. The Christian is hated because the world is spiritually _____ and _____.

“But all these things will they do unto you for _____ name’s sake, because they know not _____ that sent me.” John 15:21

“my name’s sake” –

“they know not him that sent me.” –

“We do not rightly know God if we do not know Him in Christ.” Matthew Henry

4. The Christian is hated because the world will not admit to their sin of _____ toward God.

“If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had _____: but now they have no cloak (_____) for their _____. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had _____: but now have they both seen and hated _____ me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.” John 15:22-25

“spoken unto them?”/“works which none other man did,” v. 22, 24 –

“they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.” –

“hateth my Father also.” –

“fulfilled that is written in their law,” –

“They hated me without a cause.” –

“The light of God’s truth should be a welcome thing – it reveals sin and gives conviction. Here Jesus said “they hated me without a cause.”! Men have sinful, rebellious hearts! How do you react to God’s truth?”

II. The Help During Hatred – The Comforter

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which _____ from the Father, he shall _____ of me: And ye ____ shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the ____.” John 15:26-27

Concerning this verse, Matthew Henry said, “We have more in this verse concerning the Holy Spirit than in any one verse in the Bible” (MH pg. 1735)

1. The Holy Spirit is a _____ Person of the Trinity –
2. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of _____ -
3. The Holy Spirit is the _____ -
4. The Holy Spirit is a _____ of Christ –

*“Christ was on a mission to redeem the world;
the Holy Spirit is on a mission to testify of Christ to the believer;
we are on a mission to tell the world!”*

“proceedeth” –

“And ye also shall bear witness,” -

“because ye have been with me from the beginning.” –

*“Darkness, confusion, heartache, rejection, and a great job ahead,
will all be meet by the Holy Spirit’s comfort and help.”*

Believer’s Application:

Suffering for Christ – The reality of being a follower of Jesus is that we will be persecuted for our faith in Him. Christ said, “If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;” (John 15:20) Let’s look at several principles concerning the persecution of Christians.

1. Christ saw the persecution of believer’s as against Himself. Acts 9:1-6; Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16

2. The proof of someone's genuine conversion and life of discipleship, is the reaction of men to their ministry and life.

"I believe that a Christian's popularity can be an indication of how he is representing Christ to the world"
JVMcGee

3. The Holy Spirit will be the source of comfort and strength in face of the rejection of the world.

4. Christians can expect the same treatment as Christ received from sinful men.

"Hatred is hard to bear, and the desire to escape it is one of the principal causes for unfaithfulness and fruitlessness." Shepard

*"Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His name?"*

*Must I be carried to the skies On flowery beds of ease
While others fought to win the prize And sailed thru bloody seas?*

*Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace To help me on to God?*

*Sure I must fight if I would reign; Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by Thy Word."*

Isaac Watts